

Application No. 10/817,596
Response Dated August 31, 2007
Reply to Office Action of May 4, 2007

REMARKS

The Office Action objected to the abstract because it exceeded 150 words and was not a single paragraph. A substitute abstract has been provided.

The Office Action also rejected claims 1-5, 8 and 9 on prior art grounds. The Examiner, however, acknowledged that original claims 6 and 7 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, to expedite prosecution, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of original claim 6 and to also include the limitations of intervening claim 2. Additionally, newly added independent claim 10 represents original claim 7 written in independent form (that is original claim 1 amended to include the limitations of original claim 7 and the limitations of intervening claim 2).

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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